

# ADVANCE

A NOVA | MASON PARTNERSHIP

A.S. Science / B.S. Astronomy Pathway  
2020-2021

## A.S. Science

### ADVANCE Program Milestones

1. Students must take SDV 100 or SDV 101 in the first semester at NOVA.
2. Students must begin Developmental coursework in the first semester in ADVANCE at NOVA.
3. Students must take first college-level MTH course and ENG 111 in the semester immediately following the completion of any MTT or ENF courses (excluding summer).
4. In the first 30 credits, students must complete ENG 111 and ENG 112 with a C or better.
5. Students must complete Mathematics, Astronomy, and Physics courses with a C or better.
6. Students must complete at least six degree-applicable credits with a C or better each fall and spring semester.
7. Students must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA.
8. Students must apply for NOVA graduation and complete their Associate's degree.

	NOVA DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Courses	MASON TRANSFER EQUIVALENT	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
1	SDV Course	1	SDV 100 College Success Skills <b>OR</b> SDV 101 Orientation to XXX	UNIV 100	Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I	ENGH 101	Written Comm
3	HIS Course	3	HIS 101 History of Western Civilization I <b>OR</b> HIS 102 History of Western Civilization II <b>OR</b> HIS 112 History of World Civilization II	HIST 101 HIST 102 HIST 125	Western Civ
4	MTH 263	4	MTH 263 Calculus I	MATH 113	Quantitative
5	ENG 112	3	ENG 112 College Composition II	ENGH XXX	Elective
6	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking <b>OR</b> CST 110 Introduction to Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
7	Science Course #1	5	PHY 231 General University Physics I	PHYS 160-161-266	Nat Science
8	MTH 264	4	MTH 264 Calculus II	MATH 114	Major
9	Social/Behavioral Sciences #1	3	ECO 201 Principles of Macroeconomics <b>OR</b> ECO 202 Principles of Microeconomics <b>OR</b> GEO 210 Introduction to Cultural Geography <b>OR</b> HIS 121 United States History I <b>OR</b> HIS 122 United States History II <b>OR</b> PLS 135 American National Politics <b>OR</b> PLS 211 United States Government I <b>OR</b> PSY 200 Principles of Psychology <b>OR</b> PSY 230 Developmental Psychology <b>OR</b> SOC 200 Principles of Sociology <b>OR</b> SOC 211 Principles of Anthropology I	ECON 104 ECON 103 GGS 103 HIST 121 HIST 122 GOVT 103 GOVT 103 PSYC 100 PSYC 211 SOC 101 ANTH 114	Soc/Behav
10	Math or Science #1	4	MTH 265 Calculus III	MATH 213	Major
11	Science Course #2	4	ASTR 210 Introduction to Astrophysics <b>AND</b> ASTR 124 Introduction to Observational Astronomy <i>(Typically only offered in Spring terms)</i>	ASTR 210 ASTR 124	Major
12	Humanities/Fine Arts #1	3	ART 100 Art Appreciation <b>OR</b> ART 101 History and Appreciation of Art I <b>OR</b> ART 102 History and Appreciation of Art II <b>OR</b> CST 130 Introduction to Theatre <b>OR</b> CST 151 Film Appreciation I <b>OR</b> MUS 121 Music Appreciation I	ARTH 101 ARTH 200 ARTH 201 THR 101 ENGH L372 MUSI 101	Arts
13	Math or Science #2	5	PHY 232 General University Physics II	PHYS 260-261-XXX	Nat Science
14	ITE 115 or General Education	3	PHYS 251 Introduction to Computer Techniques in Physics	PHYS 251	Info Tech

15	Math or Science #3	3	MTH 267 Differential Equations	PHYS L308	Major
16	MTH 167 or Science	4	PHY 243 Modern Physics* (Spring only)	MATH 214	Major
17	Social/Behavioral Sciences #2	3	GEO 220 World Regional Geography <b>OR</b> PLS 140 Introduction to Comparative Gov't <b>OR</b> PLS 241 International Relations I	GGG 101 GOVT 133 GOVT 132	Global
18	Humanities/Fine Arts #2	3	ENG 236 Introduction to the Short Story <b>OR</b> ENG 241 Survey of American Literature I <b>OR</b> ENG 242 Survey of American Literature II <b>OR</b> ENG 251 Survey of World Literature I <b>OR</b> ENG 252 Survey of World Literature II <b>OR</b> ENG 253 Survey of African-American Literature I	ENGL 202	Literature

**A.S. SCIENCE DEGREE TOTAL 61**

For academic policies and procedures, please see NOVA catalog - <http://www.nvcc.edu/catalog/index.html>

## B.S. Astronomy

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
19	Gen Ed: Written Communication (UL)	3	ENGL 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
20	Required Physics Courses	3	PHYS 301 Analytical Methods of Physics	Major
21	Required Physics Courses	3	PHYS 303 Classical Mechanics	Major
22	Required Physics Courses	3	PHYS 305 Electromagnetic Theory	Major
23	Required Astronomy Courses	3	ASTR 328 Stars	Major
24	General Elective	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	Major
25	Additional Astronomy Courses	3	ASTR 403 Planetary Science <b>OR</b> ASTR 404 Galaxies and Cosmology <b>OR</b> ASTR 420 Exoplanets <b>OR</b> ASTR 480 The Interstellar Medium	Major
26	Required Astronomy Courses	3	ASTR 401 Computer Simulation in Astronomy	Major
27	Astronomy and Physics Courses	3	Approved Astronomy and Physics course**	Major
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29	Additional Astronomy Courses	3	ASTR 403 Planetary Science <b>OR</b> ASTR 404 Galaxies and Cosmology <b>OR</b> ASTR 420 Exoplanets <b>OR</b> ASTR 480 The Interstellar Medium	Major
30	General Elective	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	Major
31	Astronomy and Physics Courses	3	Approved Astronomy and Physics course**	Major
32	Astronomy and Physics Courses	3	Approved Astronomy and Physics course**	Major
33	Gen Ed: Synthesis/Core Requirement	4	ASTR 402 RS: Methods of Observational Astronomy	Synthesis & Writing Intensive
34	Required Physics Courses	1	PHYS 416 Special Topics in Undergraduate Physics	Major
35	General Elective	3	General Electives (Upper-level See: Advisor)	Major
36	Astronomy and Physics Courses	3	Approved Astronomy and Physics course**	Major
37	General Elective	3	General Elective (See: Advisor)	Major
38	General Elective	3	General Elective (See: Advisor)	Major

**B.S. ASTRONOMY DEGREE TOTAL 120**

Denotes a course that must be taken at George Mason University. Please see your Success Coach to enroll.

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\*PHY 243 is only offered in the spring semester. If PHY 243 is not available, students should take CHM 111, BIO 101, GOL 105, PHY 150 and will need to take PHYS 308 at Mason in the first "General Elective" space. Consult your Success Coach for more information.

**\*\*For approved Astronomy and Physics courses, please visit: <https://catalog.gmu.edu/colleges-schools/science/physics-astronomy/astronomy-bs/#requirementstext>**

**General Note: Students must complete a total of 52 credits in physics and astronomy and 14 credits in mathematics with a minimum GPA of 2.00.**

**Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation requirements**